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As you will remember the conference was adjourned at your own wish. At your request I used my good offices with Eussia to postpone the meeting in order to enable the South American Eepublics to take part in The Hague Conference, which they would not have been able to do had the Pan-American Congress and The Hague Conference been held almost at the same time.

(Signed) WILHELM, I.
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PRESIDENT'S USTTER TO THE KAISER

(Original sent in the President's handwriting)

January 8,

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My dear Emperor William:

There need never be so much as a moment's uneasiness on your part lest I should be misled by such a story as that which Mr. Carnegie repeated, first to me, and then—extraordinary to relate—to your Ambassador. Beyond a moment's wonder as to why, and in what form, the story was originally told Carnegie, and as to whether or not the original narrator himself believed it, I never gave the matter a second thought, until Speck spoke to me about it; I did not even mention it to Eoot. It is a story of a very common type. I am always being told of Japanese or German or English spies inspecting the most unlikely places—the Moro Castle at Havana, for distance, or some equally antiquated and indefensible fort; and now and then I learn of a high official in some West Indian island or South American republic who has been thrown into a

fever by the
(wholly imaginary) information that an agent
of mine has
been secretly inspecting his dominion. I have
no time to
devote to thinking of fables of this kind; I am
far too much
occupied with real affairs, both foreign and
domestic.

Your Majesty may rest assured that no such
tale as this of
your building your fleet "against America" will
ever cause
me more than good-natured amusement.

I have entire confidence in your genuine
friendliness to
my country, and I am glad to say that during
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